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REMARKS

The opportunity of a telephone interview with Examiner Novacek on March 17, 2006 during which, the filing of the present supplemental amendment is discussed, is greatly appreciated by the Applicants' representative.

Claim 1 has been amended to more narrowly claim the invention, by removing the USG material as a candidate for the trench filling oxide layer, and to overcome the 35 USC Section 112, second paragraph rejection stated in the 2/10/06 Advisory Action.

Dependent claims 7, 10 and 11 are subsequently cancelled since they recite limitations directed to the USG layer.

The Applicants respectfully submit that, with the amendment to independent claim 1, all pending claims, i.e. claims 1-6, 9, 12-20, 23-26 and 28-32 are now in condition for allowance. Such favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

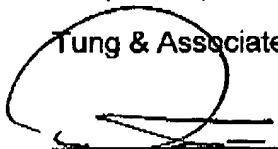
In the event that the present invention as claimed is not in condition for allowance for any reason, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at

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his Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office at (248) 540-4040 such that necessary action may be taken to place the application in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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